Attorney Docket No. P24651 **Total Pages** P24651.P01 UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL Inventor(s) or Application Identifier Akira GYOTOKU, Takafumi HAMANO, Yuuji TOYOMURA, Tetsuro NAKAMURA, Yuzo KAWANO, and Kenichi MASUMOTO (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Patent Application PO Box 1450 ADDRESS TO: Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 APPLICATION ELEMENTS ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS 9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary) Fee Transmittal Form (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing) a. Computer Readable Form (CRF) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Small Entity Statement(s) 3. Specification (preferred arrangement set forth below)

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- 45 pages of specification with abstract.
- 7 sheets of drawings with 15 figures.
- 20 total claims and 14 independent.
- an unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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